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Magahat language

Magahat (also called **Southern Binukidnon**) is a Central Philippine language of the mountains of Negros in the Philippines that has been strongly influenced by Cebuano and Hiligaynon. It is similar to Karolanos; Lobel (2013)[3] suggests that it is a Bisayan language.

Magahat	
Southern Binukidnon	
Native to	Philippines
Region	Negros
Native speakers	7,600 (2000)[1]
Language family	Austronesian ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Philippine ▪ Central Philippine ▪ Bisayan ▪ **Magahat**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`mtw`
Glottolog	`maga1264 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/maga1264)`[2]

Demographics

Oracion (1974)[4] reported a Magahat population of just under 400 people in Basay, Negros Oriental. Dantes (2015)[5] reported a Magahat population of 2,478 individuals.

According to the *Ethnologue*, Magahat is spoken in the Mount Arniyo area near Bayawan, upper Tayaban, Tanjay, Santa Catalina, and Siaton municipalities in southern Negros Oriental Province, located just west of Dumaguete City.

Sound changes

Lobel (2013: 39, 249, 273)[3] reports that Southern Binukidnon is a Bisayan language that has some unique sound changes, such as Proto-Malayo-Polynesian *l > zero and the preservation of Proto-Malayo-Polynesian *-h in coda positions.

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